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sides 9 and 14 and the sides 8 and 13 of the base cloths 3 and 4 are sewn. For example, the sewing work is performed so as to form stitches of the needle handling number of 3.5/cm using 8 number count yarn of nylon 66 with 21 number count sewing-machine needle. Incidentally, the conditions of the sewing work explained below are the same as this work. Next, when the side 12 and the side 19 are put one on another and are sewn, the base cloths 3 and 4 are respectively formed in a box shape.--

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In the Claims

Please rewrite the following claims in amended form:

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1. (Amended) An airbag formed by joining two base cloths constituting an upper piece and a lower piece to form a substantially closed box shape, comprising:

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an upper base cloth having a first rear face portion opposed to an occupant of a vehicle in an inflated state of the airbag, an upper face portion continuously and substantially perpendicularly disposed with the first rear face portion, and two first side portions each connected to the first rear face portion and the upper face portion so that the upper piece is formed in a generally box shape, wherein the upper piece comprises an upper joining line defined between the first rear face portion and the first side portion;

a lower base cloth having a second rear face portion opposed to the occupant in the inflated state of the airbag, a lower face portion continuously and substantially perpendicularly disposed with the second rear face portion, and two second side portions each connected to the second rear face portion and the lower face portion so that the lower piece is formed in the generally box shape, wherein the lower piece comprises a lower

joining line defined between the second rear face portion and the second side portion; and

wherein only the lower joining line among the upper joining line and the lower joining line is smoothly curved in such a manner that a middle portion of the joining line projects toward the occupant, thereby forming a bulging portion at the second rear face portion.

4. (Amended) An airbag formed by joining two base cloths constituting an upper piece and a lower piece to form a substantially closed box shape, comprising:

an upper base cloth having a first rear face portion opposed to an occupant of a vehicle in an inflated state of the airbag, an upper face portion continuously and substantially perpendicularly disposed with the first rear face portion, and two first side portions each connected to the first rear face portion and the upper face portion so that the upper piece is formed in generally box like shape, wherein the upper piece comprises an upper joining line defined between the first rear face portion and the first side portion;

a lower base cloth having a second rear face portion opposed to the occupant in the inflated state of the airbag, a lower face portion continuously and substantially perpendicularly disposed with the second rear face portion, and two second side portions each connected to the second rear face portion and the lower face portion so that the lower piece is formed in the generally box shape, wherein the lower piece comprises a lower joining line defined between the second rear face portion and the second side portion; and

wherein the only lower joining line among the upper joining line and the lower joining line is smoothly projected outwardly in its middle portion, thereby forming